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CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES INDUSTRY

The Diploma of Community Welfare Work aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills and values required to perform competently as professional Social Welfare Workers. This group of professionals are expected to work in a variety of settings in the Social and Community Services (SACS) industry. The course structure is designed to ensure a balance between theory and practice in social welfare work and to provide classroom and community-based learning environments.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to prepare students for a career in Community Welfare Work. Students who successfully complete this extensive training course will be equipped with the skills, knowledge and confidence to gain employment in a variety of community-based positions with a focus on providing a holistic approach to client needs including social, emotional, psychological and practical support. Alternatively, students can proceed to further studies within Stott's Colleges - Bachelor of Business (Community Services Management).

Stott's Colleges is committed to providing students with the broadest possible combination of skills and attributes to maximise employability. There are 19 Units of study for the qualification supported by 400 hours of mandatory Supervised Fieldwork Placement. Each unit has the function of describing work activities required by the welfare environment and includes gaining hands-on experience in the field.

The Fieldwork Placement component of the course provides students with the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge within the work environment and be assessed to industry standards. The Fieldwork Placement experience is facilitated by experienced fieldwork supervisors who provide guidance and mentoring so students can learn to apply relevant skills, knowledge and attitudes that are necessary to work within the community and social welfare fields.

Some of the Units studied with the Diploma include:

- Develop, Implement and Provide Effective Communication Techniques
- Develop and Implement a Community Development Strategy
- Develop New Networks
- Undertake Research Activities
- Develop, Facilitate and Monitor all Aspects of Case Management
- Plan and Conduct Group Activities
- Respond Holistically to Client Issues
- Meet Statutory and Organisational Requirements
- Implement and Monitor OH&S Policies and Procedures for a Workplace
- Working with Specific Communities

Entry requirements into this course are:

- IELTS 5.5 or Equivalent
- Completion of Year 12 level studies (or international equivalent)

CAREER PROSPECTS

Careers in Community Welfare Work can be both demanding and highly rewarding. Those seeking to work in community welfare should enjoy working with people and understand the nature of social disadvantage. Desirable qualities for Community Welfare work are tolerance, empathy, flexibility and well-developed interpersonal skills. The Community Welfare sector provides graduates with a wide variety of career opportunities, including:

- Case Co-ordinator
- Case Manager
- Welfare Worker
- Client Service Assessor

LEARNING APPROACH

The adult learning model delivered at Stott's Colleges emphasises the:

- Utilization of life and work (paid or unpaid) experience of students.
- Encouragement of self directed learning, which involves negotiation with the teacher of the learning process, content and assessment.
- Flexible learning to accommodate the varied needs of students.
- Active and appropriate participation in class to enhance students listening, articulation and critical reflection skills.
- Small group discussion and exercises such as debates provide excellent opportunity for students to participate and contribute ideas that can be discussed and developed into an overall group response. Discussion encourages students to share information and work co-operatively as well as providing an environment conducive to problem solving.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

All Stott's graduates who complete the Diploma of Community Welfare Work are eligible to gain professional accreditation with the Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers (AIWCW) an assessing authority for Australia's general Skilled Migration Program. More information on migration to Australia is available at www.immi.gov.au.

COURSE DETAILS

- 2 years full time study
- Intakes in January, April, July, October (numbers permitting)
- Conducted at Carlton and City location